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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission, filed on 3/17/04, has been entered.

Applicant's amendment, filed 4/27/04, has been entered.

Claims 1-43, 45, 47-49, 51, 53, 59, 62, 65, 68, 71, 74, 77, 80 and 87-89 have been canceled.

Claims 91-94 have been added.

Claims 44, 46, 50, 52, 54-58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 79, 81-86 and 90-94 are pending.

This communication is set forth in order to make a requirement for information under 37 CFR 1.105.

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:

Given the adverse decision in the Interference proceedings of the priority application USSN 08/742,480, applicant is requested to provide the Decision on the Interference as well as related information (e.g. Exhibits, Declarations, etc.) and appeals which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending application.

Applicant is requested to provide such materials to aid in the examination of the instant application.

Applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of ONE month. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00

pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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